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Enhancing the United Nations experience for visitors

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the proposal for enhancing the United Nations experience for visitors,[1]

Having also considered the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Welcomes* the initiatives of the United Nations Association of the United States of America, the prospective donor, as contained in the report of the Secretary-General,[1] to mobilize resources in order to provide new facilities for the Visitor's Experience in the form of an in-kind donation to the United Nations;

2. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee contained in its report;[2]

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the development of the proposed visitor's experience project is fully integrated with the capital master plan, including necessary security measures;

4. *Decides* that a decision on this question should take place in the light of any further decision on the capital master plan;

5. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General, to invite the United Nations Association of the United States of America to proceed with the preparation of a schematic design for the new visitors' experience, taking into account the four conditions set out in the report of the Secretary-General,[3] which are highlighted in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[4]

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[1] A/55/835.
[2] A/56/7, chap. I, sect. E.8, paras. 103-113.
[3] A/55/835, para. 20.
[4] A/56/7, chap. I, sect. E.8, para. 107.

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on the understanding that it will be for the General Assembly to declare itself satisfied with the fulfilment of these conditions;

6. *Notes* the desirability of expanding the number of potential contributors to the project by including the United Nations Associations of other countries;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to evaluate the proposed financial and fiscal aspects of the donation, in view of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations and in light of the capital master plan, taking into account the eventual financial implications for the Organization, and to report thereon to the General Assembly;

8. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit, when practicable, for the consideration of the General Assembly, a comprehensive report on: the outcome of the schematic design; options for deciding on the final scale of the project; projected revenues and the cost of operating and maintaining the new visitors' experience; proposals for expanded commercial activities; options for operating methodologies; means of adjusting to changing situations; procedures for the operation of the proposed capital improvement fund; and a time-line for implementation.